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A NICKEL SALICIDE PROCESS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	19	23	0	x 25 =	\$0	x 50 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	4	0	x 100	\$0	x 200 =	\$0
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 18, 2005, please amend the abovereferenced patent application as set forth below.

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